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Applicant: Jacques DENKO

Serial No: 09/926,546

Examiner: S. Garbe

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Filed: April 19, 2002

For : FLEXIBLE CONTAINER WITH A SEALABLE CLOSURE

REQUEST TO VACATE OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 27, 2003

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to our telephone conversation with Examiner Stephen Garbe, regarding the Office Action issued on March 27, 2003, Applicant respectfully resubmits a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 23, 2002, along with the date stamped filing receipt evidencing the filing thereof. Applicant requests that the Examiner vacate the outstanding Office Action and issue a new Office Action taking into account the Preliminary Amendment.

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Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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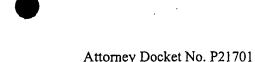
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application.

- X Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously filed.
 - A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- X An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.
- X A Request for Examiner Approval of Drawing Amendment, with 1 sheet of drawings.
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